

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are currently pending in this application. By this response to the non-final Office Action dated March 1, 2010, claims 1 and 9 are amended. Support for the amendments is found in, for example, FIG. 4 as originally filed. Favorable reconsideration of the application in light of the foregoing amendments and following comments is respectfully submitted.

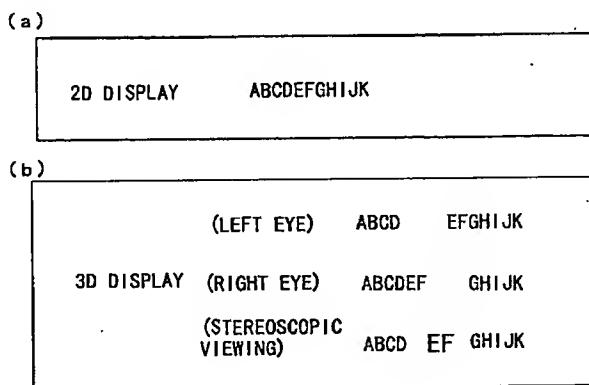
In section 5 of the Office Action, claims 1-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent App. Pub. No. 2002/0118275 (Harman) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,945,965 (Inoguchi). Applicants respectfully traverse.

Independent claims 1 and 9 each recite, *inter alia*,

regarding a viewpoint image of the object to be stereoscopically displayed to be deviated, an object on an adjacent side of the object to be stereoscopically displayed is rendered in such a manner that a location thereof is deviated toward a side of the deviation direction of the object to be stereoscopically displayed to be deviated by a certain deviation amount, and,

regarding a viewpoint image of the object to be stereoscopically displayed not to be deviated, an object on an adjacent side of the object to be stereoscopically displayed not to be deviated is rendered in such a manner that a location thereof is deviated toward the side of the deviation direction of the object on the adjacent side of the object to be stereoscopically displayed to be deviated the certain deviation amount.

FIG. 4 of the present application illustrates a non-limiting embodiment of the above limitations:



As illustrated in FIG. 4(b), regarding the left eye-use image rendering process wherein the object to be stereoscopically displayed “EF” is deviated, an object “GHIJK” on an adjacent side of “EF” is deviated in such a manner that a location thereof is deviated toward the side of the deviation direction of “EF” by a certain deviation amount. Further, regarding the right eye-use image rendering process wherein the object to be stereoscopically displayed “EF” is not deviated, an object “GHIJK” on an adjacent side of “EF” is deviated in such a manner that a location thereof is deviated toward the side of the same deviation direction of “GHIJK” in left eye-use image rendering process by the same deviation amount of “GHIJK” in left eye-use image rendering process.

In contrast, lateral shifting as disclosed by Harman for each object of each layer to produce a left eye image and a right eye image fails to disclose or suggest the above limitations. *See, e.g.*, Harman, FIG. 4; paragraphs [0065]-[0066] and [0074]-[0075] (describing creation of left and right eye images). Thus, Harman does not render either of claims 1 and 9 obvious. Inoguchi’s technique of displaying a mixed image does not bridge the above gaps between the claims and Harman. Accordingly, independent claims 1 and 9 are not rendered obvious by the cited art. Thus, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection under Section 103(a) of independent claims 1 and 9, and claims 2-8 and 10-16 which depend thereon.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that this application should be allowed and the case passed to issue. If there are any questions regarding this Amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated to expedite the prosecution of the application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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